

375-3-2-.01 Renewal of License and Identification Card: When Licenses and Identification Cards May Be Renewed. Revised.

(1)(a) ~~Licenses~~ Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, licenses and identification cards issued to citizens of the United States expire on the person's birthday in the fifth (5th) or tenth (10th) year after issuance.

(b) Any person who is not a citizen of the United States who provides proof of lawful presence in the United States that satisfies the requirements of O.C.G.A. §40-5-21.1(a) and Department of Driver Services Rule 375-3-1-.02 and is otherwise eligible for the issuance of a driver's license or identification card may be issued a temporary license, permit, or special identification card. Such temporary license, permit, or special identification card shall be valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States. If the person's immigration documentation does not bear an expiration date, he or she shall be issued a temporary license, permit, or special identification card valid for one (1) year. No temporary license, permit, or special identification card issued pursuant to this regulation shall be renewed by any means other than in person.

(c) Veterans licenses shall be valid until the licensee reaches age sixty-five (65), and veterans identification cards shall be valid for ten (10) years.

(2) Licenses and identification cards may be renewed up to one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of expiration.

(3) No license or identification card may be renewed prior to that time without prior approval by the Commissioner or his designee. Such a renewal will terminate the license or identification card renewed, and no rebate of fees will be authorized.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§40-5-21.1, 40-5-32(a); 40-5-100(b); and 40-5-172(a).

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in light of changes in the governing statutes, specifically the changes made by H.B. 577, enacted at the 2005 session of the General Assembly.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The sentences previously contained in Paragraph 1 were renumbered as subparagraphs (a) and (c) of said paragraph. Subparagraph (b) was also written to address the changes mandated by the enactment of O.C.G.A. §40-5-21.1 in House Bill 577.

375-3-2-.02 Renewal of License and Identification Card: Alternative Means of Renewal.
Revised.

1. The Commissioner may authorize, consistent with Georgia law and with these regulations, renewal of a driver's license or identification card by the following means:

- a. Personal appearance;
- b. Renewal by mail;
- c. Renewal by telephone;
- d. Renewal via electronic means.

2. Except as otherwise authorized by the Commissioner, licenses and identification cards must be renewed by personal appearance at a Department of Driver Services facility before a driver's license examiner of the Department.

3. The Commissioner is authorized to waive the requirement of a personal appearance under the following circumstances:

- a. All such waivers shall be consistent with public safety considerations;
- b. All such waivers shall be designed so as to promote efficiency of service to the holders of licenses and identification cards;
- c. No person may be granted a waiver from renewal by personal appearance if that person's license or identification card is currently revoked, suspended, or cancelled. If a license or identification card is revoked, suspended, or cancelled after a waiver has been granted, the waiver shall be deemed to be withdrawn without the necessity of further action by the Department, and the person shall be required to appear in person to reinstate the license or identification card prior to renewal.
- d. Persons granted a waiver from the requirement of a personal appearance for the renewal of a driver's license shall certify that their vision and physical condition have not significantly changed since the last personal appearance before the Department, and that the person remains mentally and physically capable of the safe operation of a motor vehicle of the class for which the license is being renewed.
- e. A person granted a waiver will not be required to surrender the driver's license or identification card being renewed if the waiver is exercised; however, the Department will advise the person of reasons why the license or identification card should be destroyed by the person.
- f. No person will be granted a waiver unless the person's photograph, fingerprints, and signature are on file via digital image.
- g. No temporary license, permit or special identification card issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. §40-5-21.1 shall be issued via any means other than in person.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§40-5-21.1, 40-5-32(a); 40-5-100(b); and 40-5-172(a).

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The word fingerprints was deleted from Paragraph (3)(f) and Paragraph (3)(g) was added to the regulation.

375-3-2-.04 Remote Renewal of Licenses for Military and Students. Revised.

1. Driver's licenses held by active duty service members and their dependents stationed outside of Georgia, and those Georgia residents attending school outside of Georgia, may be renewed by mail, provided that the licensee's photograph, fingerprints, and signature are on file via digital image. The applicant applying for the renewal of the license must make written request for the renewal and include therein:

(a) Payment of the appropriate license fee for the class license currently held by the licensee. This fee must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or postal money order.

(b) Military personnel and their dependents must send a letter from their commanding officer stating that they are in the military or a military dependent.

(c) Students must submit along with their renewal request a letter from a school official stating that he/she is a full time student.

2. ~~This privilege may be utilized only for a single renewal. After one renewal has been conducted by means other than by personal appearance, the licensee must appear in person at a departmental facility for the next renewal.~~ Reserved.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §40-5-4

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in light of changes in the governing statutes, specifically the changes made by H.B. 501 and H.B. 577 enacted at the 2005 session of the General Assembly.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The word "fingerprints" is deleted from Paragraph 1.

Paragraph 2 is deleted in its entirety as customers are no longer limited to a single remote renewal.